**Note: the parts in yellow are the things newly added. The lined out parts are ones deleted from the original script**

Hi, my name is shavon mcneary, and I’m asking you to rethinking rated r movies for your library. Did you know many award winning films are rated R? Books burn at 451 degrees fahrenheit. At what temperature do movies burn?

I was 12 when I first saw the movie Glory. Winner of over 29 awards including 3 academy awards, 5 oscars, 2 golden globes and a grammy, Glory told the tale of the 54th Massachussets Volunteer Infantry, the first all african american unit of the US army. It quickly became my favorite movie and remains one of my favorite movies today. I saw this movie after randomly selecting it from my local public library.

Some 18 years later a young patron came into my new local public library. He was doing a project on the American Civil War and wondered what types of books and movies we had. After steering him towards some wonderful books in our collection, I also suggested he watch the amazing, riviting, emotionaly charged, action packed “Glory”. Much to my surprise the library didn’t have it! We don’t stock rated “r” movies, you see.

That means no:

Phantom of the Opera

Slumdog Millionaire

The Patriot

Last of the Mohicans

Tombstone

The Last Samurai

The King’s Speech

Rain Man

Or Schindler’s list

To name a few of the many awarding renowned movies we’re denying teens access to. Keeping our teens away from these wonderful classics of American Cinema gives them plenty of time to read: ~~But I suppose keeping them from romantic gems such as the Last of the Mohicans gives them plenty of time to read~~

The Laurell K Hamilton Anita Blake Series ~~(where orgies are common)~~

Zane: heat seekers series ~~(explicit sexual romp of sorority sisters)~~

EL James’ 50 shades of grey ~~(infamous bdsm tale)~~

~~Or the erotica by Anais Nin, little birds~~

Or other erotic books

~~The library keeps R rated movies out of the collection to project children and teens and for the morality of the community. But what are we protecting them from? Maybe it’s time to Rethinking Rated R movies~~

So again this is Shavon McNeary asking you to Rethink Rated R